

Approved on January 17, 2012

## **MINUTES**

### **MID-COUNTY CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**December 20, 2011**

**Members Present** Gam Wijetunge, Richard Newman, Gregory Intoccia, Kieran McHargue, Steve Morrison, Stefan Lawson, Ariel Winter, Brenita Young, Robert Shoenberg, Barbara Heuter, Theresa Bell, Eileen Cahill

**Members Absent** Craig Long, Robin Brannan, Karla Fortunato

**Staff Present** Ana Lopez van Balen

**Guests** Chris Cihlar, Director, CountyStat; Adam Currie, County Police; John Salzberg, Sandy Spring Civic Association

#### **Call to Order and Introductory Remarks**

Gam Wijetunge, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. He also mentioned that he met with an Olney group the previous week, and that the group had a number of concerns about the intersection of Route 97 and Norbeck Road.

#### **Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes**

The MCCAB meeting's agenda was approved. With no objections noted, a motion was made that the minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting be approved, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

#### **Police Update**

Presentation by Officer Adam Currie on County Executive branch's crime trends.

#### **Presentation**

Chris Cihlar presented an overview of statistical information that the County Executive branch is tracking, including: home foreclosures, 311 customer service calls, and fire and rescue services.

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **Director Report**

Comments regarding: ICC status and rapid transit, library kiosk opening in Olney, Glenmont sector planning, Wheaton development of the arts, community outreach to the immigrant community, and the County Executive's response on the curfew issue.

**Committee Reports** Kieran McHargue, Budget & Capital Improvement Committee, reported that there would be a short period of time for the MCCAB to review the proposed Capital Improvement Budget (CIP) before the Jan. 17, 2012 public meeting. The meeting will be for the public to provide the County Executive input on the same subject, and will be held at the MidCounty Community Recreations Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring. A motion was defeated to defer an OMB presentation to the MCCAB on the same subject until a later time. A motion was approved to still have the public Jan. 17, 2012 public meeting on the CIP but to request that OMB make a presentation to the MCCAB on the same subject at the February MCCAB meeting, rather than any earlier.

Rick Newman, Land Use, Zoning, Transportation subcommittee reported on a draft letter to the County Executive regarding a recommendation to support in principle, but defer a recommendation in fact, on an application by the Sandy Spring Civic Association for certain construction of pedestrian pathways in the Sandy Spring area on Route 108, Dr. Bird Road and Norwood Road. A county staff presentation will be made at the next subcommittee meeting regarding county mass transit plans.

Ariel Winter, Quality of Life, indicated his subcommittee did not meet earlier in the month.

**Liaison Reports** Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee – no report  
Wheaton Redevelopment Advisory Committee- no report

Mid-County Recreation Advisory Board – no report  
Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee – no report  
Olney Town Center Advisory Committee – no report

**New Business**

Discussion regarding, and motions passed, on the following:

Quality of Life subcommittee to address: Follow-up to discuss a bill to limit authority of the Fire and Emergency Services Commission; issues from the Latino Youth Committee report; feeding of wildlife in residential areas; and handling of property during evictions from homes and apartments.

Budget subcommittee to address: whether dormitory structures should be included in the building of a MCDOT depot structure.

**Adjourn** A motion was made to adjourn, and it was seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.